



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on August 15, 2007, at the University of Maine, Hutchinson Center, Belfast, with the following members present: Chair James Carignan; Vice Chair Philip Dionne; Jean Gulliver; Ellie Multer; Janet Tockman; Ann Weisleder; Jack Norris; and Joyce McPhetres.

Also present were: Deputy Commissioner Angela Faherty; and Rhonda Casey, Clerk.

CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Jean Gulliver, seconded by Phil Dionne, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the June 13, 2007, with the following changes: Page 2, Paragraph 4 should read "MOVED by Phil Dionne, seconded by Jean Gulliver, and voted with four members opposing, two members in favor (Ann Weisleder and Phil Dionne), and one member abstaining (Ellie Multer). The motion died."

CONSENT AGENDA:

RECEIPT OF THE REVIEW TEAM REPORT OF FINDINGS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION FOR DEGREE-GRANTING AUTHORIZATION AS SUBMITTED BY THE LANDING SCHOOL TO AWARD THE ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

RECEIPT OF THE REVIEW TEAM'S REPORT OF FINDINGS CONCERNING HE APPLICATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND FOR ADDITIONAL DEGREE-GRANTING AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD THE PHARM. DOCTOR (P.D.) DEGREE

MOVED by Joyce McPhetres, seconded by Jean Gulliver, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the consent agenda.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Deputy Commissioner reported on the following

- That the Department of Education continues to distribute communication letters to school board members, school committee members, city/town councilors, selectman, town managers, and administrators encouraging them to work with neighboring individuals as they search for a partnership in order to comply with the Reorganization Law passed on June 7, 2007.
- That the organization, Drummond and Woodsum held a meeting in an effort to assist districts with the Reorganization Law. Commissioner Gendron was also present at this well attended event.
- To date more than 60 units have been assigned a facilitator, notices of intent have been filed by 17 SAUs, and 50 SAUs have requested and received financial data to assist them in their deliberations and planning process.

Members of the Board expressed their concerns as how do communities begin discussing budgets as well as how districts begin to meld their current budget into one.

Deputy Commissioner responded by saying that in September and October trained Department of Education staff will go out into the field and assist SAUs with these types issues, and that the Commissioner continues to be accessible for face to face meetings.

- The Special Education Stakeholder group met on August 13 and will continue to meet until the revisions on Chapter 101 have been finalized.
- That Maine will be launching statewide 21st century skills education initiative.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

- That he attended the Teacher of the Year Oral Presentation meeting that was held on July 25 at the Buchanan Lounge at the University of Maine.
- That he continues to make changes to update the State Board of Education's 2007 Annual Report. He hopes to be able to have the annual report ready for distribution in September.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Ellie Multer:

- That she and Jim attended the 2007 Maine Symposium on Higher Education on August 9 at the Abromson Center, at the University of Southern Maine. One of the most interesting presentations that she heard was the presentation involving the Mitchell Institute's Barriers 2 report, which analyzes college enrollment

- trends; social/cultural, academic, and financial barriers to college; and promising practices.
- That she will draft one more board brochure, so if Board members have any changes or additions to make to last year's copy to please send those suggestions to Rhonda as soon as possible.

Phil Dionne:

- That the female population represents 23% of the apprenticeship program participation.
- That he attended a conference in Kansas City in which he met with the directors of the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS). The directors discussed the possibility of using Maine as a pilot project.
- That he participated in reviewing the Teacher of the Year (TOY) portfolios.
- That he attended a conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota as the chair of the Workforce State Investment Board.
- That there is a proposal to make changes to the federal child labor law, which would exclude 16 & 17 year olds from participating in several trades, i.e., construction.

Jack Norris:

- That he is in the process of revising the letter and application for the Making the Grade Award. If the members of the Board have suggestions about the criteria for selecting the recipient of the Making the Grade Award, to please submit their suggestions via email.
- That he was asked to serve on the search committee for the new dean at the University of Maine, College of Education.

ADJOURNMENT:

State Board of Education unanimously agreed to adjourn the August 15, 2007, meeting at 4:00 p.m.